

As hurricane Irene approaches our part of New York, it is important that everyone take the necessary precautions to assure the safety and security of their families throughout the storm and its aftermath.

Governor Cuomo has declared a state of emergency in preparation. You can find out exactly what that means by [clicking here](#) .

The Governor's office has also created an excellent set of [recommendations](#) for those looking to prepare for the oncoming storm.

I also recommend visiting www.ready.gov (Información en Español: www.listo.gov) for more information. The Federal Emergency Management Agency's website, www.fema.gov , can also be an excellent resource.

If you lose power, please contact your utility company:

Broome/Sullivan/Tioga/Tompkins/Delaware:

NYSEG: 1-800-572-1131

Ulster/Dutchess/Orange:

Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation - 845-452-2700, or 1-800-527-2714.

Orange and Rockland: 1-877-434-4100